

To: Johnson, Kathleen[Johnson.Kathleen@epa.gov]
From: Miller, Amy
Sent: Mon 4/15/2013 9:38:36 PM
Subject: Re: LA TIMES INQUIRY: Exide

I am hearing things are not going well. Just got earful from Niloufar.

From: Johnson, Kathleen
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 5:13:30 PM
To: Miller, Amy
Subject: Fw: LA TIMES INQUIRY: Exide

Can u please see if anyone got back to OPA. I asked Joel/Doug to l'd someone last week.

From: Glosson, Niloufar
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 10:06:01 AM
To: Johnson, Kathleen
Subject: FW: LA TIMES INQUIRY: Exide

I was worried I overstepped my GS level by sending this but just heard from Bill we are on the same wavelength on this ☺!

Thanks,

- - Niloufar

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From: Glosson, Niloufar
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To: Mogharabi, Nahal; Jones, Joel E.; Lapka, Joseph; McDaniel, Doug; Polek, Jim; Shaffer, Caleb; Shaffer, Caleb; Reyes, Deldi
Cc: Adams, Elizabeth; Maier, Brent; Gutierrez, Roberto; Rios, Gerardo; Hanf, Lisa; Keener, Bill
Subject: RE: LA TIMES INQUIRY: Exide

Importance: High

Hi all,

The LA Times is asking for feedback and we must be responsive. It is the LA Times and it is high profile. Scroll all the way down to see the reporter's question.

I know this is not in any one media program's bailiwick but there is an EPA role and we have to put our best foot forward in both educating the reporter about the various program roles and sticking to a message – whatever that is... even if says it is something like 'EPA will step in when'.

Caleb and Deldi I just looped you in

Can we have one point person in each program pull together each division's input **by noon**? Should we assume it is Lisa H and Amy for Enforcement? Caleb for Waste? I will pull together Air's.

I can see this article making the EPA look really bad if we don't play it right.... Nahal needs our help. Thank you all for your help.

Thanks,

- - Niloufar

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To: Glosson, Niloufar; Jones, Joel E.; Lapka, Joseph; McDaniel, Doug; Polek, Jim

Cc: Adams, Elizabeth; Maier, Brent; Gutierrez, Roberto; Rios, Gerardo

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Thanks, all.

As this is a big group, who is the program lead on this that can draft an initial response for review by the group?

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As and FYI - adding Brent because of the recent congressional interest, Deldi because of community concerns and few folks from our permitting program.

Thanks,

- - Niloufar

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Lapka, Joseph; McDaniel, Doug; Polek, Jim
Cc: Mogharabi, Nahal; Adams, Elizabeth
Subject: FW: LA TIMES INQUIRY: Exide

Hello All, please see Nahal's message below re background on EPA actions related to Exide facility in South Coast and give her a call to discuss a draft desk statement to share w/LATimes reporter.

Thanks.

From: Miller, Amy
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 5:22 PM
To: Jones, Joel E.; Johnson, Kathleen; Hanf, Lisa
Subject: Fw: LA TIMES INQUIRY: Exide

I suggest joel checks in wIth both air and waste enf group. To make sure there is nothing special going on. I note that it is a topic of upcoming dtsc mtg.

From: Mogharabi, Nahal
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 7:30:35 PM
To: Miller, Amy; Johnson, Kathleen
Cc: Hanf, Lisa
Subject: LA TIMES INQUIRY: Exide

Hello!

I received the below inquiry from a reporter at the LA Times who has been covering Exide. The reporter is asking about the company's history of non-compliance and EPA's role in oversight. She understands that DTSC and AQMD are the lead, but wanted to speak to EPA. Her full inquiry is below.

As you Exide is a high profile case that is garnering a lot of media, public and political interest. I've included some links to some of the recent stories.

LA Times, March 23: Battery recycling plant in Vernon ordered to cut emissions.
<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/mar/23/local/la-me-0324-exide-air-20130324>

LA Times, April 3: L.A. City Council members irate over arsenic emissions.
<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-exide-arsenic-20130404,0,6225898.story>

LA Times (LA Now), April 5: Assembly speaker demands action on Vernon recycling plant.
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-exide-action-20130405,0,6782428.story>

LAist, April 9: Local Battery Recycler Poses Highest Cancer Risk In Southern California.
http://laist.com/2013/04/09/local_battery_recycler_poses_highest_cancer_risk.php

I think we should move forward with a written statement, rather than an interview as EPA has no

active role in this. I spoke with Amy briefly, and I understand we are working with DTSC who is actively looking into this matter.

I was hoping to put together a written response/statement to her questions below. Who should I work with that can draft a response?

Her deadline is Monday.

Many thanks in advance,

Nahal

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From: Garrison, Jessica

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Subject: Exide

Hi Nahal,

I hope you're well! You may have seen the stories the LA Times has written about Exide in Vernon over the last few weeks (and if you haven't, I can send them to you).

I understand from an EPA enforcement document that six of the company's seven operations nationwide are on an EPA list of chronically non-compliant facilities with regard to lead and/or arsenic emissions. Although DTSC and the AQMD regulate the Vernon plant, I know the EPA plays some role in oversight/regulation of some facilities elsewhere in the country and has periodically taken enforcement actions. Would it be possible to speak with someone about the EPA's role in those actions, and EPA enforcement of lead smelters in general? If possible, we'd like to speak with someone no later than end of the day Monday.

Thanks much,

Jessica Garrison

Times Staff Writer